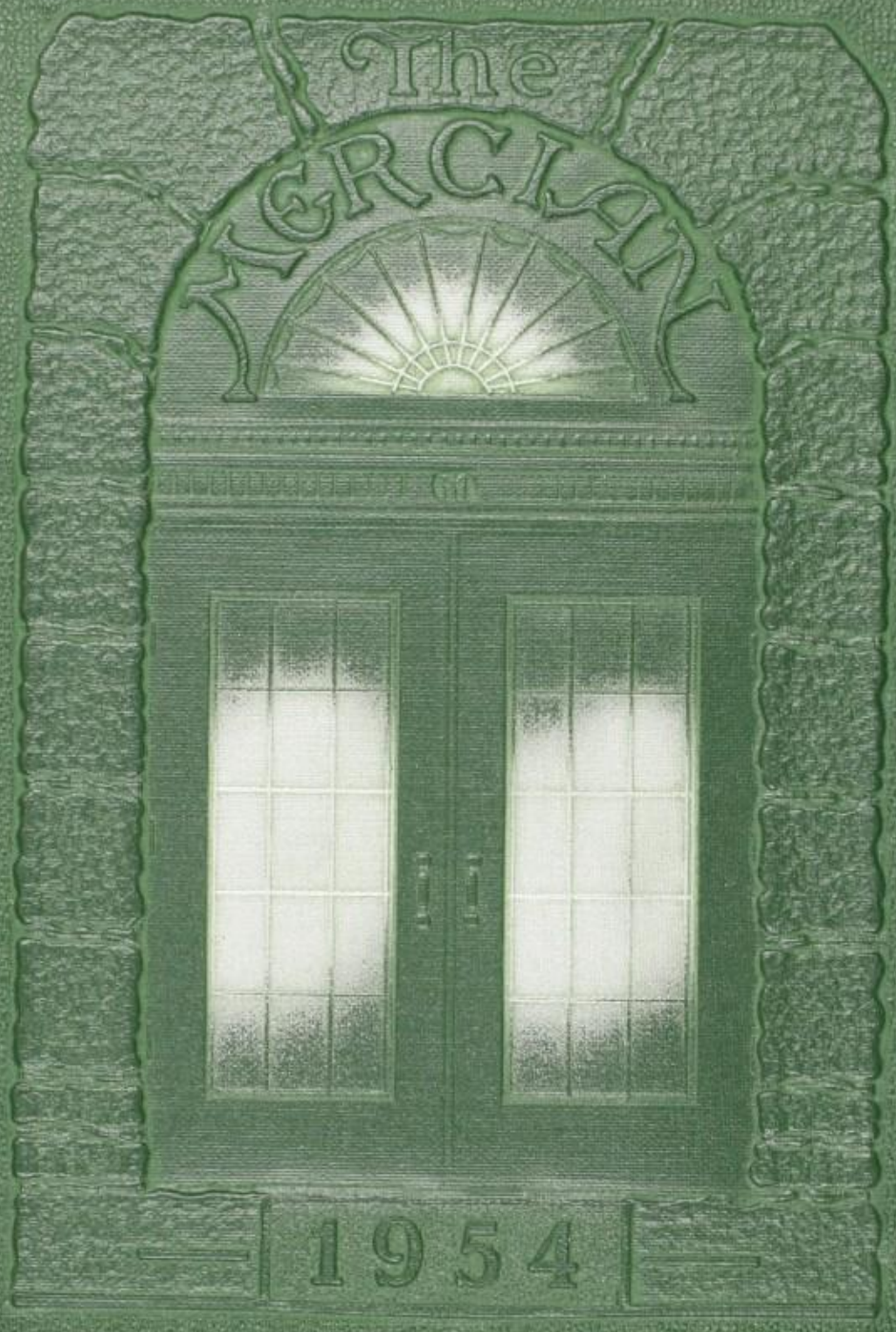
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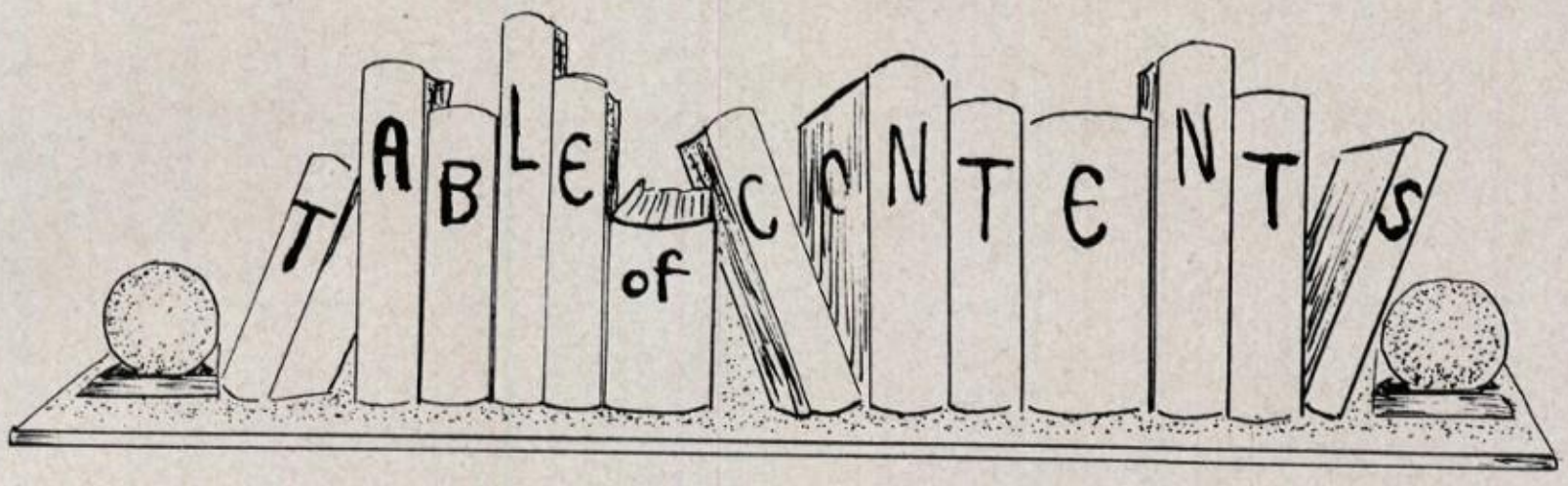
Red bars
Upon a field
of gold
White Cross
Upon a field
of red
Courage, the red,
Purity, the white
The Cross
for
Sacrifice.

Above: Home for the faculty is this south convent wing.

A part of Mercy where the doors are ever open, and our best Friend ever waits to hear our troubles.

Alumnae Hall, where Mercians spend many happy hours.



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Dedication

Mary's Year-Mary's Book
Mother of Mercy

We dedicate these pages
which shows us in our prayer,
and work, and play, to Mary
whose hands have guided and
directed us to a greater
union with her Divine Son,
in all that we have done.

Mother of Mercy

FATIMA

Mary, Patron of Purity,

place thy pure hand upon us.

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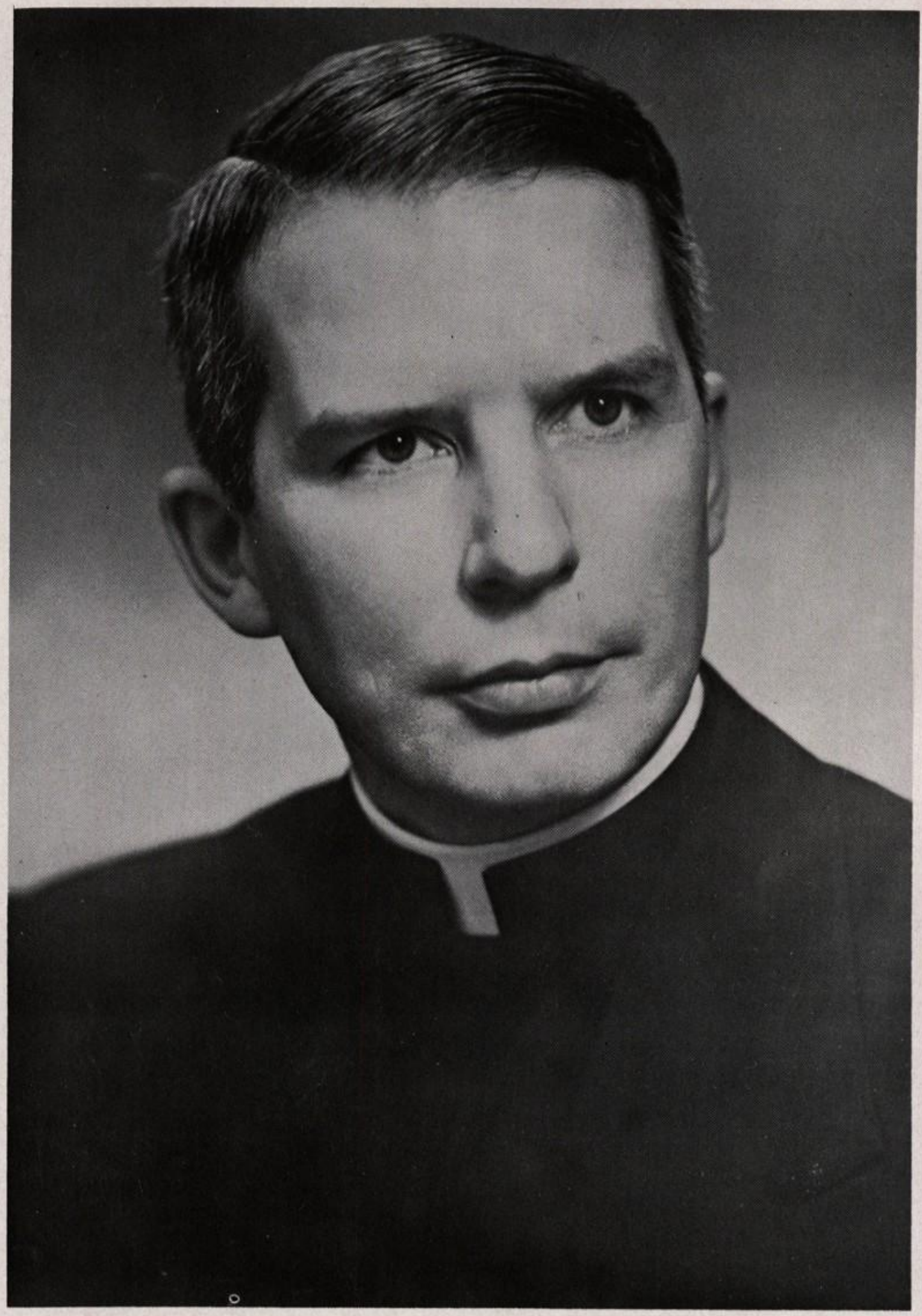
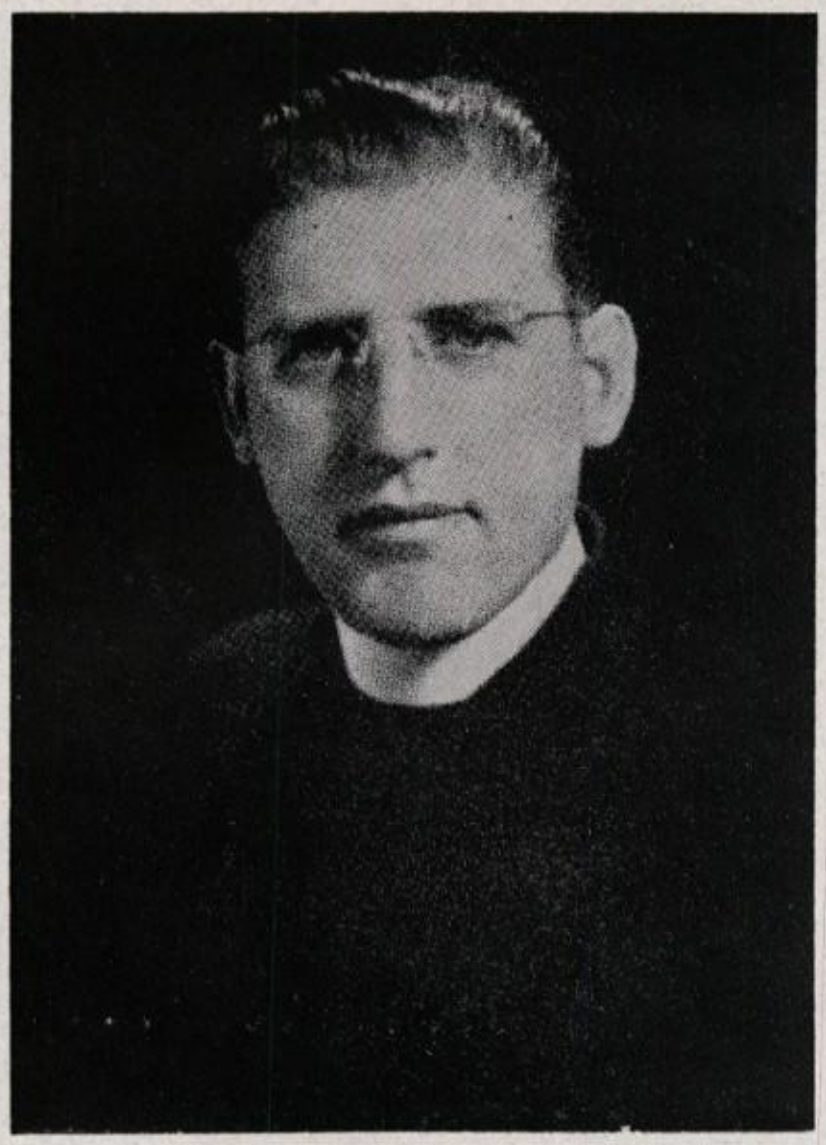


Reverend John Hayes, S. J. D.

CHAPLAIN - RELIGION I, IV

Mercy High opened its doors to a new chaplain this year and hopes it can lock those doors forever behind him. His quick wit and quiet smile found a spot in every Mercian's heart and we are happy to make him a member of our Mercy family.



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Superior

Sister Mary Jovita, R. S. M.
Assistant Principal

Sister Mary of The Angels, R. S. M.
Principal

In Loving Memory

Sister Mary Vincenza Wynne, R. S. M.

Died November 5, 1953

Mercy High lost another friend on earth and added one to its list in Heaven.

For seventeen years Sister Mary Vincenza taught in the departments of mathematics, science, and home management. Because of her protracted illness, Sister has been off duty for the past six years. Her inability to labor proved one of her greatest sufferings—one in which Mercy and Mercy girls received many an intention, for she loved both very much.

Sister Mary Concepta Horne, R. S. M.

Died February 5, 1954

After a long illness, Sister Mary Concepta died at Mercy Hospital. Sister came to Mercy High when the school opened and taught in the English department before taking over the office of principal.

During her term of office, Mercy realized many of its "firsts" as a high school. The Illinois State and North Central Association set their stamp of approval and Mercy became a high-ranking accredited high school. Sister was principal to the first graduating class in 1926, and in the same year saw Mercy Alumnae and Mercy Federation of Alumnae established as active organizations.

The Mother's Club and the Mercy Athletic Association trace their history to the early years of her administration.

In the growing school, Sister saw the need for school publications and initiated the yearbook, the Mercian, and the school paper, "Mercy Hi Rays," then known as "Mer-Mers."

All these things that we accept as a part of our every day school life came into Mercy through the thoughtful planning and generous spirit of Sister Mary Concepta. Nothing was too hard for her to undertake to make ours the finest school for the finest girls—Sister firmly believed we were.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead"—especially when, in life, they worked so hard to make this a better world for us to live in.

Mary's Choice in Her Year

How sad were our hearts
That cold winter day,
When we learned our Jean
had been taken away.

The girl who had taught us
our lessons so well,
Was the model of Christ
and Mary as well.

She was always so perfect
in class and out
So witty and sporty,
and yet so devout.

And we as her classmates
now hopefully say,
"We'll meet her again
in heaven someday."

— Class of '56

Jean Lunning
Died
February 18, 1954

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Sister Mary Agnes—Religion II, World History, U.S. History.

Sister Agnes Marie—Religion III, Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry.

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Sister Mary Alberta—Religion IV, U.S. History, American Problems.

Sister Mary Alicia—Religion I, Algebra.

Sister Mary Aloyse—Study Hall, Cafeteria, Substitute Teacher.

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Sister Mary Ambrosia—Clothing I, Advanced Clothing.

Sister Mary Ancilla—Religion II, Spanish I, II, III.

Sister Mary Angela—Bookkeeper.

Sister Mary of the Angels—Principal.

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Sister Mary Attracta—Religion IV, English IV, Psychology.

Sister Mary Augustine—Book Room.

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Sister Mary Leonore—Religion IV, U.S. History, American Problems.

Sister Mary Lioba—Religion I, Algebra, Spanish I.

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Sister Rosemary—Religion I, General Science.

Sister Mary Roserita—Religion I, General Science, Algebra.

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Sister Mary Veronita—Religion I, English I.

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Under their guidance Mercy seniors have advanced in wisdom and age before the eyes of God and man.

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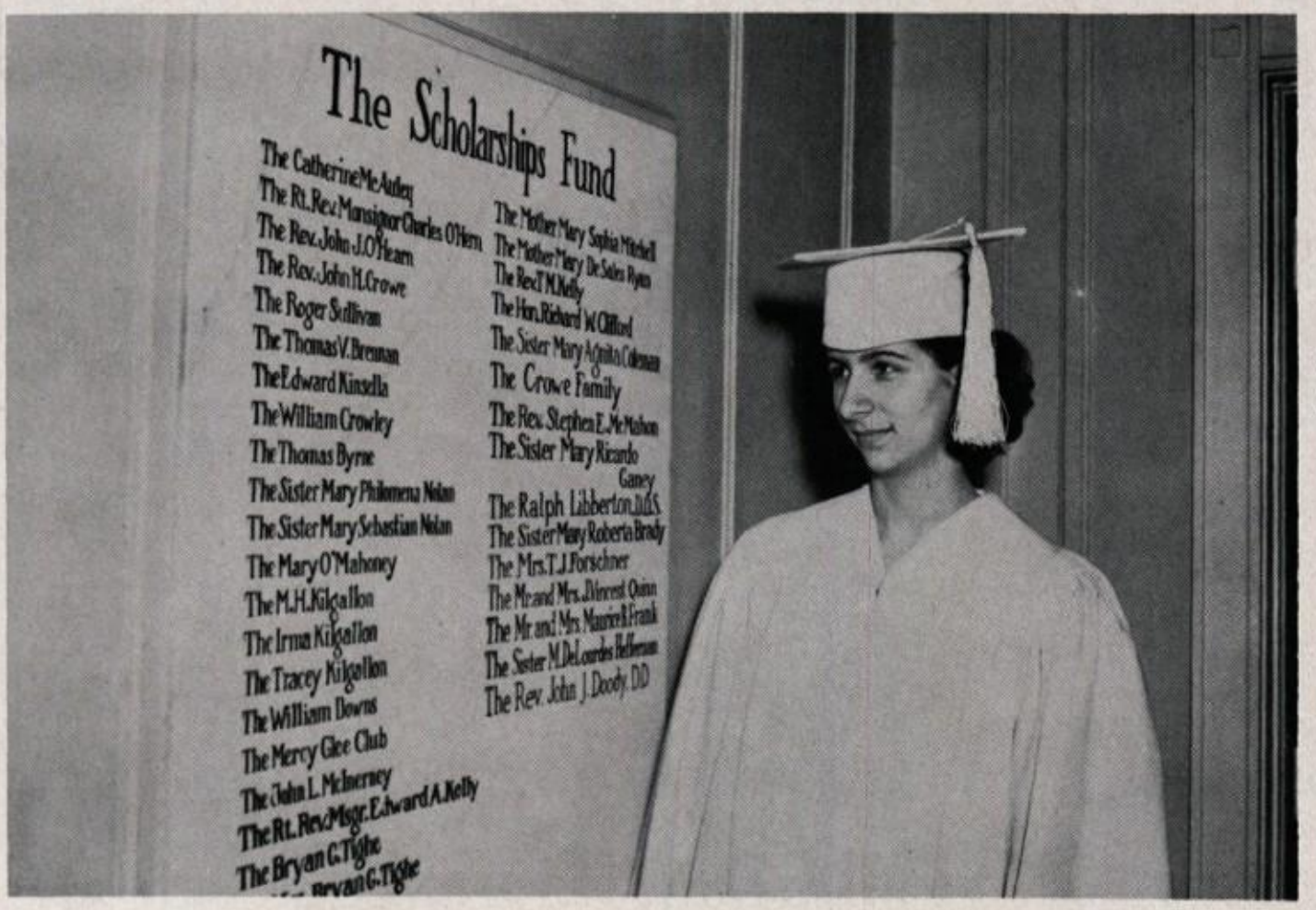
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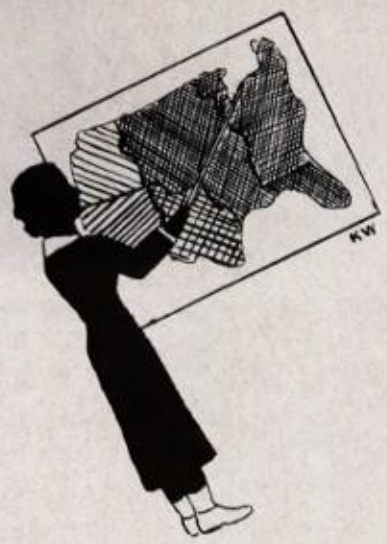

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Mary, Patron of All Saints,

lead us by the hand to reach our goal

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Junior Highlights

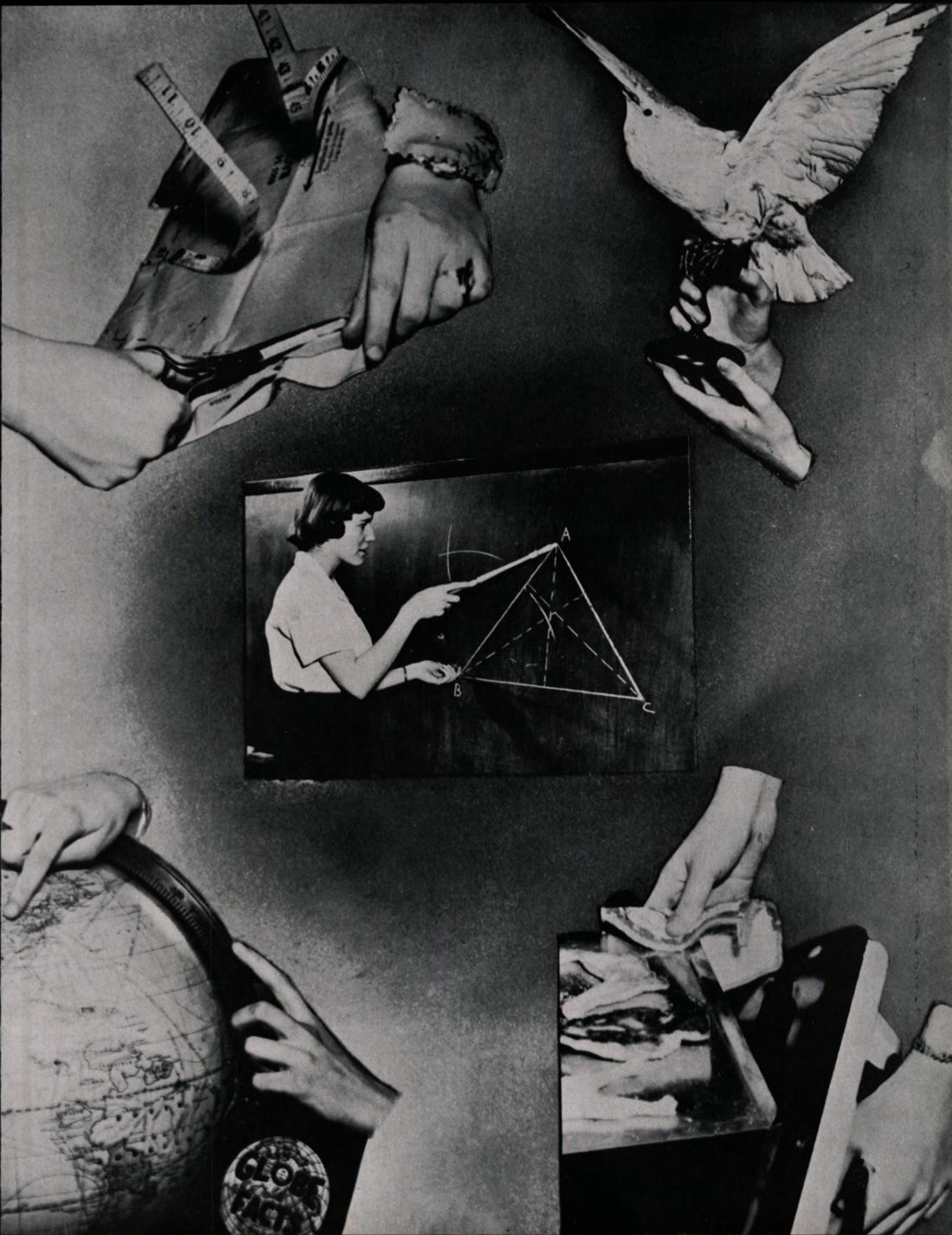
Junior class Presidents admire senior rings upon their arrival in May. Mercians for first time received Senior rings in Junior year.

C nquering juniors of Room 103, volleyball champions of the school. Left to right: Emily Betkis, Peggy Galvin, Marion Geiss, Pat Shepherd, Mary Ann Gawronski, Barbara Wright. Not in picture: Phyllis Hampton, Mary Kelly, Barbara Mile, Barbara Ramas.

La Salette

Mary, Patron of Good Studies,

guide our hands in work for God.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guide our hands in deeds of peace.

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Our Studies in Religion

Seniors of 115 start the day right with the Pledge to the Cross.

A "Salve Regina" is offered to Mary by the girls of 117.

322 inaugrates the daily rosary as their special Marian Year project.

Team work of classmates helps to put across a point.

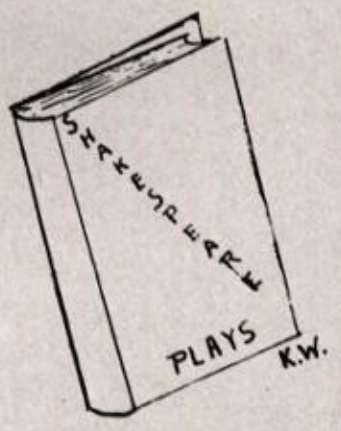
Patricia Ellis of 116 portrays the typical sophomore's interest in religion.

In 210, concentration centers upon the Mystery of Mysteries.

Sophomores of 213 point out the Marian shrines throughout the world.

Liturgical symbols give freshmen of 205 cause to ponder.

Charts illustrate the significance of the liturgical seasons to the Mass in Room 200.



Serious Seniors study the slum situation.

Shakespeare must have had Gert in mind when he wrote that part.

209'ers plunge into a study of Hamlet.

Maurice Evans turns teacher for a day in Room 103.

English in Action

Sister Placida admires the Sophomores' work.

500 word theme — rough assignment, but amply handled by room 217

K-R-A-U-S-R-O-S-I-S check. Now what would freshies want with a word like that?

Happy birthday, dear Virgil!

That Aesop was quite a fellow.

Freshies discover Old Rome.

Is it the accent or the story that causes the giggle?

It looks like "ring around the rosey" in French.

Languages

It's not really the Eiffel Tower.

Spanish II seems pretty easy from the looks of Room 215.

Our Lady of Guadelupe enlightens Spanish scholars.

Mouth watering menus in any language.

Art lends a hand in teaching Spanish I.

Adventures in Science

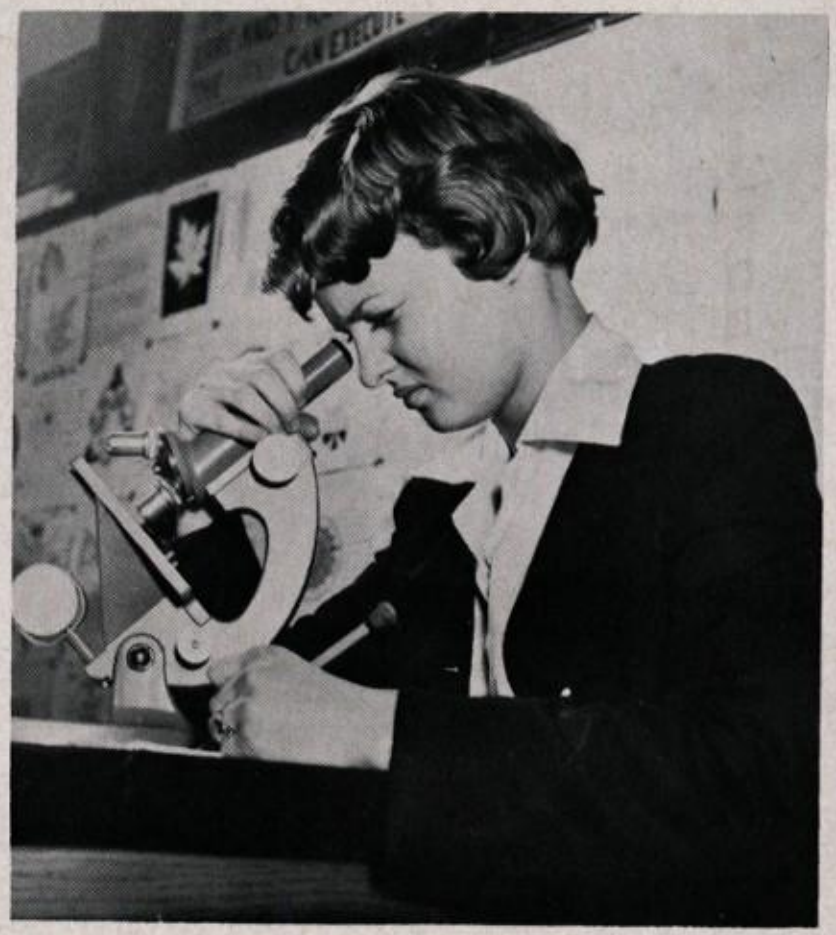
Chemistry frowns, open windows, must be an experiment in Sulfur Dioxide.

Pat, Barb, and Sheila, Mercy's Physicists at work.

Smiles from the conquering seniors — less than 1% error in

Sister Evarista joins in the work for the near perfect answer in heat of varporization experiment.

Sister Mary Adrian demonstrates the fine points of Biology.



How can you draw it when it keeps wiggling?

One old fossil to another.

Room 317 make known their science projects.

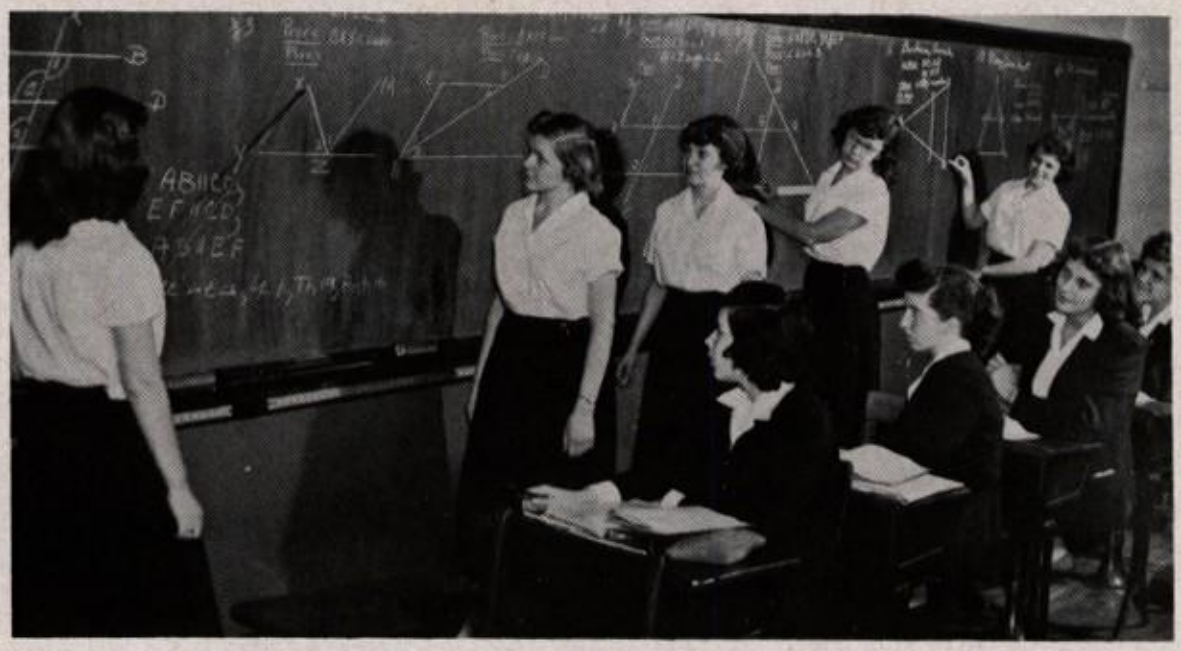
Which is more petrified, — the freshies or the leaves.

Mystifying Mathematics

I thought you knew the answer!

If two minuses = a plus.....

Natalie learns angle measuring from an expert



There's always proof positive in Geometry.

History Through The Years

Seniors of Room 113 begin class with Pledge of Loyalty.

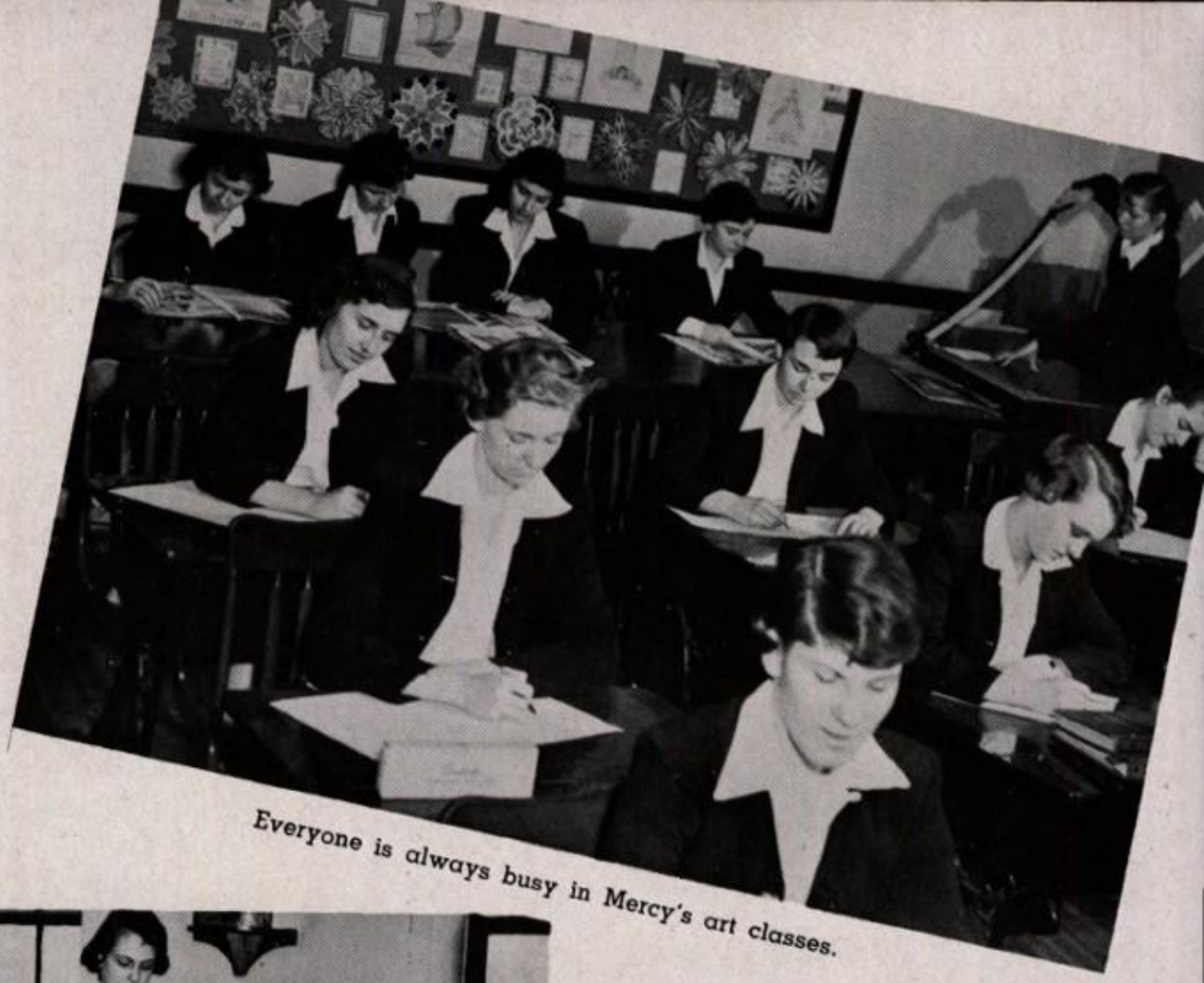
Marion — the Physics lab is two pages back.

An open book test — a favorite time of every sophomore's day.

The point of the matter is the boot-shaped county of Italy.

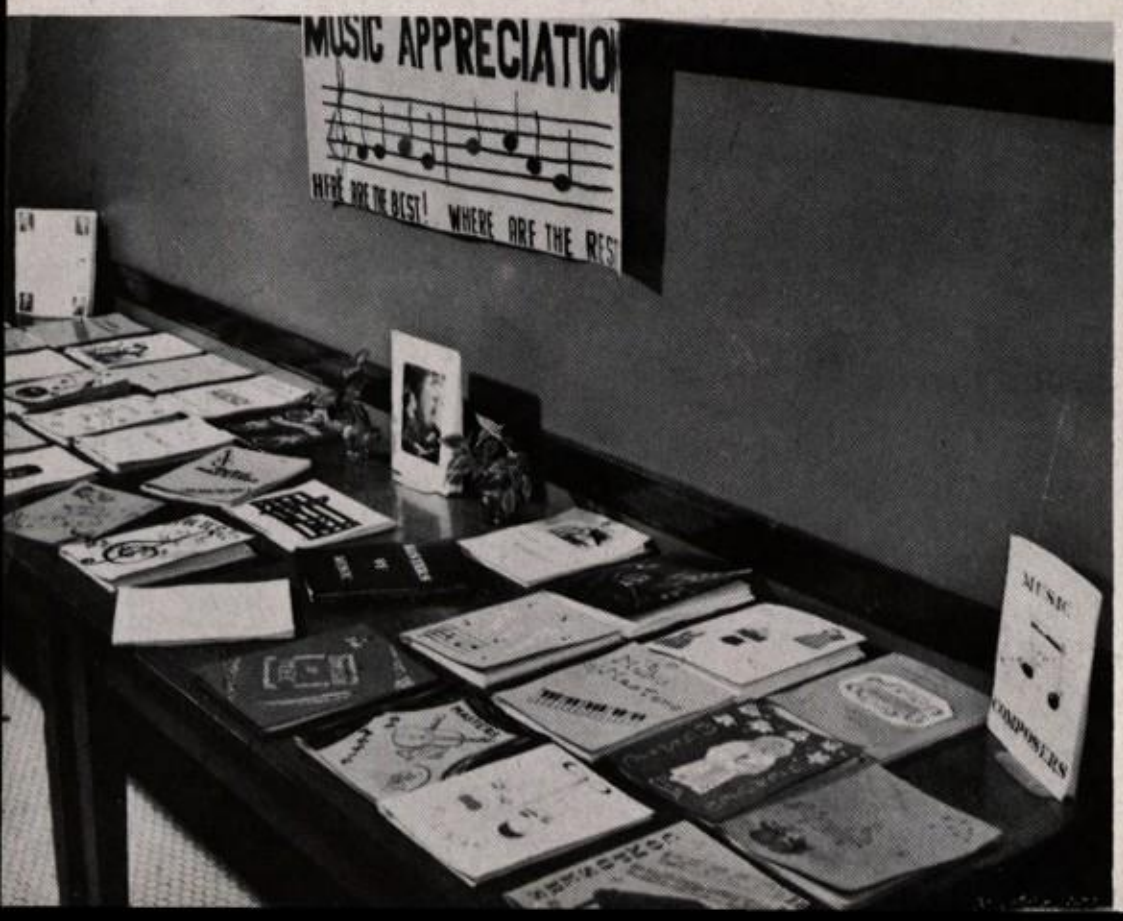
Juniors of Room 105 find History fun with Sister Mary Mida.

Fine Arts



Everyone is always busy in Mercy's art classes.

Junior journalists perfect their speech reporting by tape recorder.



ABOVE: Sister Mary Syra's students gather round piano for song fest.

LEFT: Many nights of hard work are rewarded by beautiful Music display.

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Junior
Champs

Typing
Shorthand
Bookkeeping

Sister Ethelbert's explanations hold the Seniors spellbound.

It looks as if typing is no problem for Roseann.

Does that '52 tax form still puzzle you, Grace?

Although not understood, the greeting is appreciated.

Sewing
Foods
Home Management

A little snug around the waist.

These girls will give the butcher a hard time.

Careful with those pins!

Rose Ann dreams of her future home.

Library

Judith, like all Mercians, always finds the best books right at her finger-tips.

Attractive displays decorate the reception desk, adding more warmth to the Library.

 Dorothy knows just how to find the book she wants.

Audio Visual

Mary Lou, Carol and Camille test the recorder . . .

. . . And Mary Lou and Rita deliver it.

No excuse for a flub, with so many checking the parts of the movie machine.

Dorothy and Pat give the projector a rest.

No pop discs but Corrine can give you anything from Shakespeare.

Mercy's Most Popular Spots

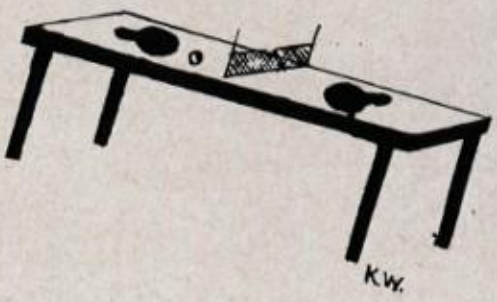
Pat's mother has a lot of fans.

The Rec Room jumps to the beat of happy feet.

Seniors at their favorite pastime.

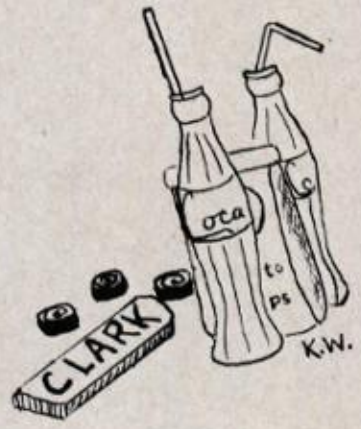
Surprise!

Everybody's favorite!



Mix it yourself.

Never a booth open and the cover charge is so high.



There is always a smile in the Candy Room.

LORETO

Mary, Patron of Prayer,

guide our hands in prayer to God.

Mercy-Hi Rays
OUR SCHOOL

The Sodality

BETTY LOU SCHLOSSER
Senior Prefect

The procession leads the way on Mercy's crowning day.

Betty Lou accepts the crown from Marge Curtin while Mary Russell says a silent Ave.

Our Queen awaits her crown.

The Junior Sodality finds fun and features in the New World.

Love of the Blessed Mother shines forth from the faces of the Sodality.

Sophomores discuss advantages, difficulties, and methods of carrying out Rule 34.

Freshman Probation Sodality carry out Rule 33 by writing letters of commendation to radio and TV stations which present good programs.

MILDRED McGREGOR
Co-President

Officers of Legion recite rosary as part of weekly meeting. L. to R. Margo Reade, Catherine Conlon, Kathleen Moriarty, Florence Edgeworth, Joan Chrusciel, Mildred McGregor, Mary Lou Freeberg.

Legion vice-presidents, L. to R. Joan Chrusciel and Bernadine Cunnane check over Legion business.

Legion members gather round for some laughs after meeting.

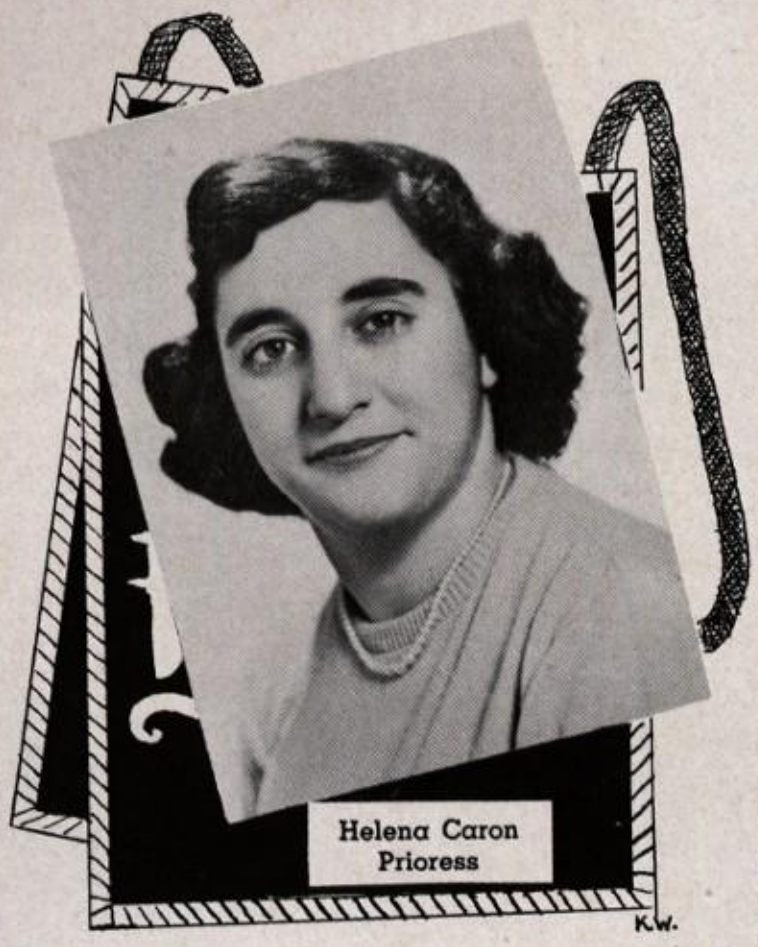
# of Mary

FLORENCE EDGEWORTH
Co-President

The Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame view a relic of their founder Blessed Marguerite.

The Legion of Mary explain and venerate relics of the Saints.

Third Order of Mount Carmel



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Third Order members gather in chapel to recite Little Office.

Sacred Heart League

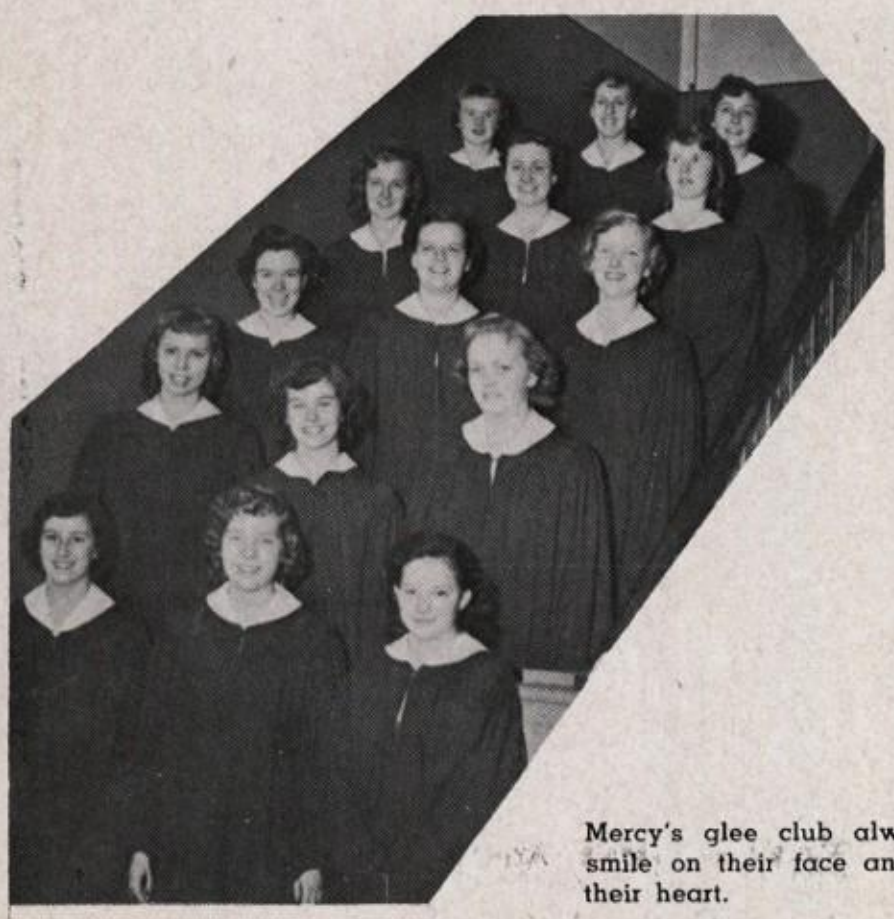
Sacred Heart League delegates promote Catholic Action by seeing to it that leaflet with the monthly intention and dedications are distributed to the student body.

Cisca

Diligent Ciscans study the CISCA NEWS with hopes of finding ideas for Catholic Action project and programs.

The Glee Club

FIRST ROW l to r. Joanne Drinane — President, Nancy Keegan — Social Chairman, Marie O'Connor — Secretary. SECOND ROW l. to r. Patricia Brady, Grace Wood, Jo Ann Eaheart, Joan Gregg, Sheila Sullivan, Shirley Bandyk, Sharon Barry. THIRD ROW l. to r. Ina May Stelk, Margaret McNicholas, Madelyn O'Brien, Mary Anne McNeff, Dianna Mack, Jacqueline Doyle.



Mercy's glee club always with a smile on their face and a song in their heart.

Sister Rose Marie, Inspiration and Moderator of our Glee Club.

Glee Club Off Guard

Orchestra officers and board: TOP ROW (L. t R.) Florence Edgeworth, Social Chairman; Maureen O'Keefe, President; Gloria Quattrocki, Secretary; MIDDLE ROW (L. to R.) Carina Liston, Susan Neff, Catherine Griffin; BOTTOM ROW (L. to R.) Jean LaVere, Patricia McNamara, and Mary Jane Cummins.

Orchestra

SEATED: Carina Liston. STANDING (L. to R.) Josephine Szczesny, Mary Fran Walsh, Mariann Walsh, Jeanne Uelk, Helen Collins, Jeanne LaVere, Dorothy Tague, Maureen Daly, Rosemary Fratto, Barbara Twitten.

Mercy's basic orchestra.

FLORENCE EDGEWORTH
Treasurer

GLORIA QUATTROCKI
Social Chairman

L.to R. Pat McNamara, Maureen O'Keefe, Gloria Quattrocki, Mary Kay Johnston, Pat McGurie, Judy Olsen, Esther Nicolette, Mary Cleary, Sue Neff.

L. to R. Florence Edgeworth, Mary Jane Cummins, Sheila Windour, Rita Fanning, Catherine Griffin, Emma McCann, Nancy Maes, Dinna Mackey, Phyllis Beiggle, Verna Wunder, Wilma Wunder.

Allegro

FRONT, L. to R. Joyce Hartic, Mary Foley, Claire Folmer, Barbara Piotrowski, Mary V. Reitmaier, Mary Ann Blais, Mary Glynn, Joyce Ryan, Patricia Wadas. SEATED, L. to R. Madelyn O'Brien, Jacqueline Kelly. STANDING, L. to R. Joann Lucas, Mary Ann McDonough, Darlene Tomaszck, Jacqueline Hurley, Marion Wiesniewski, Patricia Mulvey, Mary Hunter, Mary Ann Baginski, Mary McGrath, Sheila Quinlan, Judy Whitman, Mary Arrigo, Nancy Shea, Mary Jo Shewbridge, Charlotte Sobanski. NOT PICTURED: Barbara Fleming, Barbara Sowinski, Judy Jarvis.

Certificate Students

FRONT, L. to R. Mary Jane Cummins, Emilie Mailloux. BACK, L. to R. Sharon McCoy, Alice Sobanski.

Cecilian Club

SEATED: Janet Lamphear, Berna Mae Crinion. LEFT TO RIGHT: Pat Fitzgerald, Bernadine Kubiak, Natalie Anders, Jean Flood, MaryAnn Fitzgerald, Sister Mary Teresa, Pat Durkin, Nancy O'Connell.

Certificate Students

LEFT TO RIGHT: Natalie Anders, Bernadine Kubiak, Pat Durkin.

SEATED: Barbara Dominico, Sandra Sinkler. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Cahill, Roleen Circle, Eileen O'Malley, Lillian Haavig, Eleanor Shanahan, Joan Murphy, Dolores Tadin, Geraldine Ruskin, Sandra Sahagun, Diane Vandenburg.

Dramatic Art League

ANN FAIRFIELD, President

MISS MARY SYNON

D. A. L. officers gather back stage to talk shop. L. to R. Eleanor Thomas, Ann Fairfield, Janet Kennedy, Anne Marie Schraut.

Senior dramatic students get well acquainted with stage.

Thespian officers, (L. to R.), Mary Kay Brady, president; Susan Neff, secretary; Mildred Sue Leslie, vice-president.

Senior

Thespians

The Thespian National Society

MARY KAY BRADY
President

Dramatic Art students par excellance are these Juniors and Seniors, who, after meeting the requirements hove become full fledge THESPIANS.

The Mercian Staff

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CLARENCE ALOYISUS MacDOUGLE
Mascot

KAY WALSH
Artist

The cry of "pictures are here" bring the Mercian staff flocking to Sister Charitina's desk.

What is a thought without inspiration. And a more fitting inspiration could not be found than the moderator of our Mercian staff.

This is the 1954 Mercian staff and she who through our heartache, troubles, and mistakes has given us the inspiration and desire to go on. Her smile and encouraging words were the cure for our ills when days were darkest. It has been hard but it has been fun thanks to her.

Super layouts composed free of charge by Betsy and Jane.

Mercy's answer to Murillo.

Filing to a song always means fun and laughs.

Don't fret Joan, that's what erasers are for.

★ ★ Joy To The World - The Lord Has Come ★

Anna Marie Schraut, Editor

Nance and Pat get a laugh out of this picture.

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aron Barry and Peggy McNicholas p
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ek and Donna Rank tell Santa (Barbara Conrad) what some needy

Mercy-Hi Rays

Photo Editor, Marge Mitchell.

L. to R. Feature Editors, Noella Butler, Janet Kennedy.

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and Christmas joy.

The visit was the Legions' annual Christmas project and was planned by moderator Sister Mary Syra, Presidents Florence Edgeworth, Mildred McGregor and all Legionaiers.

Freshman Sales Ladies Raise Christmas Funds

Something new in the form of a Chrismtas booth has been added to Mercy's "Rec" room. Behind the booths, are members of the Freshmen Probation Sodality, acting as sales-ladies during the noon hours, selling Christmas tree ornaments.

By purchasing these ornam-

Wedding Beli

Miss Georgia Papagiane, typing and English teacher on Mercy's faculty, will surrender her "Miss" to become "Mrs." James Garepis, on December 27, 1953, at St. Dimetrios Church, 2700 W. Winnona.

The jeweled bodice of Miss Papagiane's white satin wedding gown is to be
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lace.

Sport Editor, Marge Curtin.

r. T. C. Mursee Covers G. C. Formal

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NANCY MAGEE
Associate Editor

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Sandra Hein: — Midnight Mass is the most beautiful part of Christmas. During it, I can look back on Advent with a feeling of satisfac-

one called him Santa, Sargeant, Blessed Virgin, September 8, His Holi- ... Pius VII ... on Engel

This is Mercy's famous "Pent House". It was here that stories were written, and rewritten, pictures were cropped, deadlines were met. It was here that so many happy hours were spent by the 53-54 staff — happy yet fruitful hours. For from within these walls through their pens was printed the finest Hy-Rays in the paper's history.

Jan, Nance, Pat, Mitch, Marge, and Noella all did their part — be it a lead story or a headline — to give Mercians the best.

A paper is as good as its Editor. That's why the Hy-Rays with Anne Marie was the greatest.

Last is She who gave so much of herself to our paper, Sister Mary Rosaleen. It was her presence and guidance that assured the Hy-Rays success.

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PATRICIA KELLY
Associate Editor

High Falls

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Mercy Athletic Association

Evelyn O'Brien
President

Always hurrying, but always on time for all sport events are M. A. A. officers. L. to R. Evelyn O'Brien, President, Catherine Ellis, Social Chairman, Patricia Mulcahy, Secretary.

FIRST ROW, FRESHMAN CHAMPS, L. to R. Donna McMullen, Sandy Sinkler, Mary Kay Johnston, Cathy Kelly, Kathleen Dankert, Carol Duffy, Barbara Rosenbach, Pat Costello. SECOND ROW, SOPHOMORE CHAMPS: Judy Carden, Lucille Nowacki, Colette Guzik, Barbara McGarvey, Nancy Baer, Kathleen Bruen, Mary Kirby. THIRD ROW, JUNIOR CHAMPS: Emily Betkis, Mary Ann Gawronski, Marion Geiss, Pat Shepherd, Peggy Galvin, Barbara Wright. Not in picture: Phyllis Hampton, Mary Kelly, Barbara Ramas. FOURTH ROW, SENIOR CHAMPS: Eileen Shea, Shirley Coatar, Pat Oziemkowski, Jeanne Harrington. Not in Picture: Madelyn O'Brien, Evelyn O'Brien.

Varsity

MISS MARJORIE SMITH
Coach

PATRICIA KELLY
Captain

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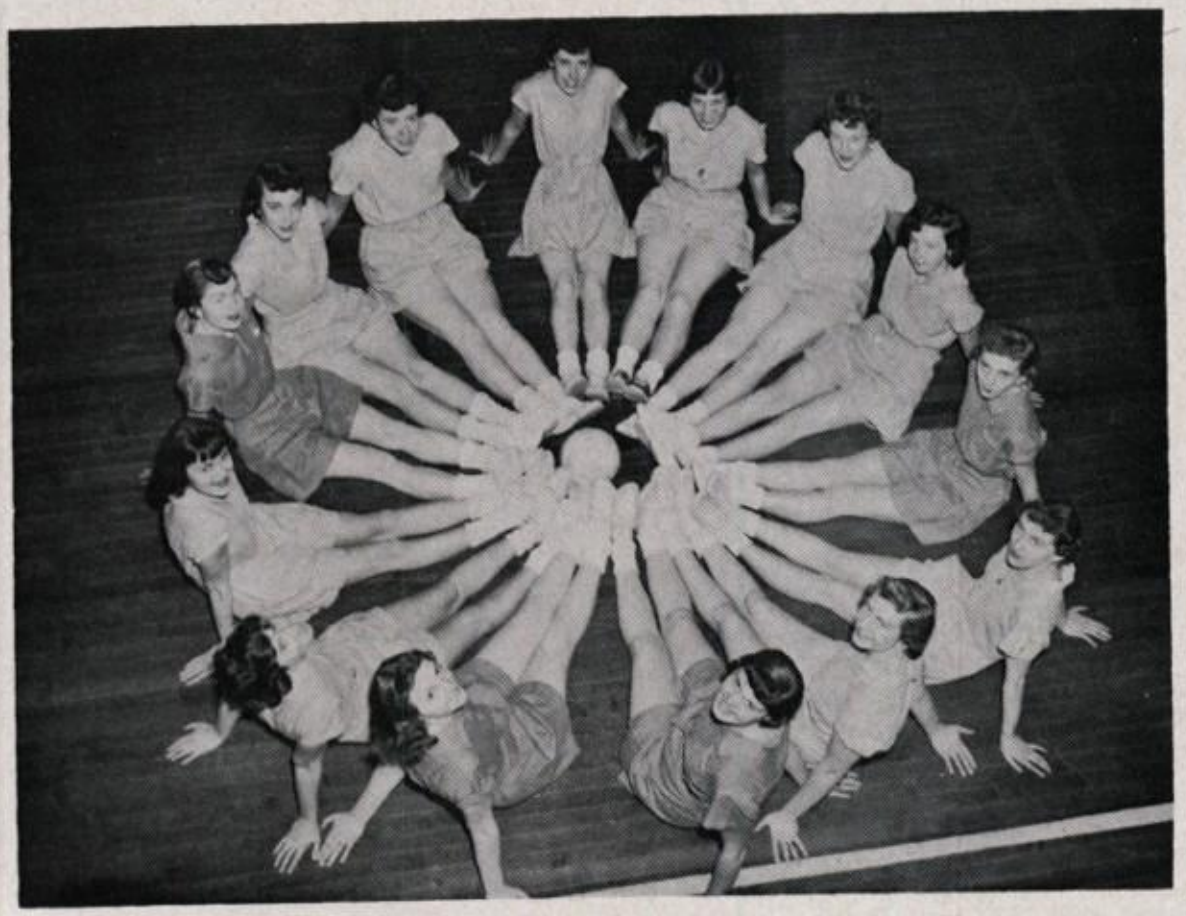
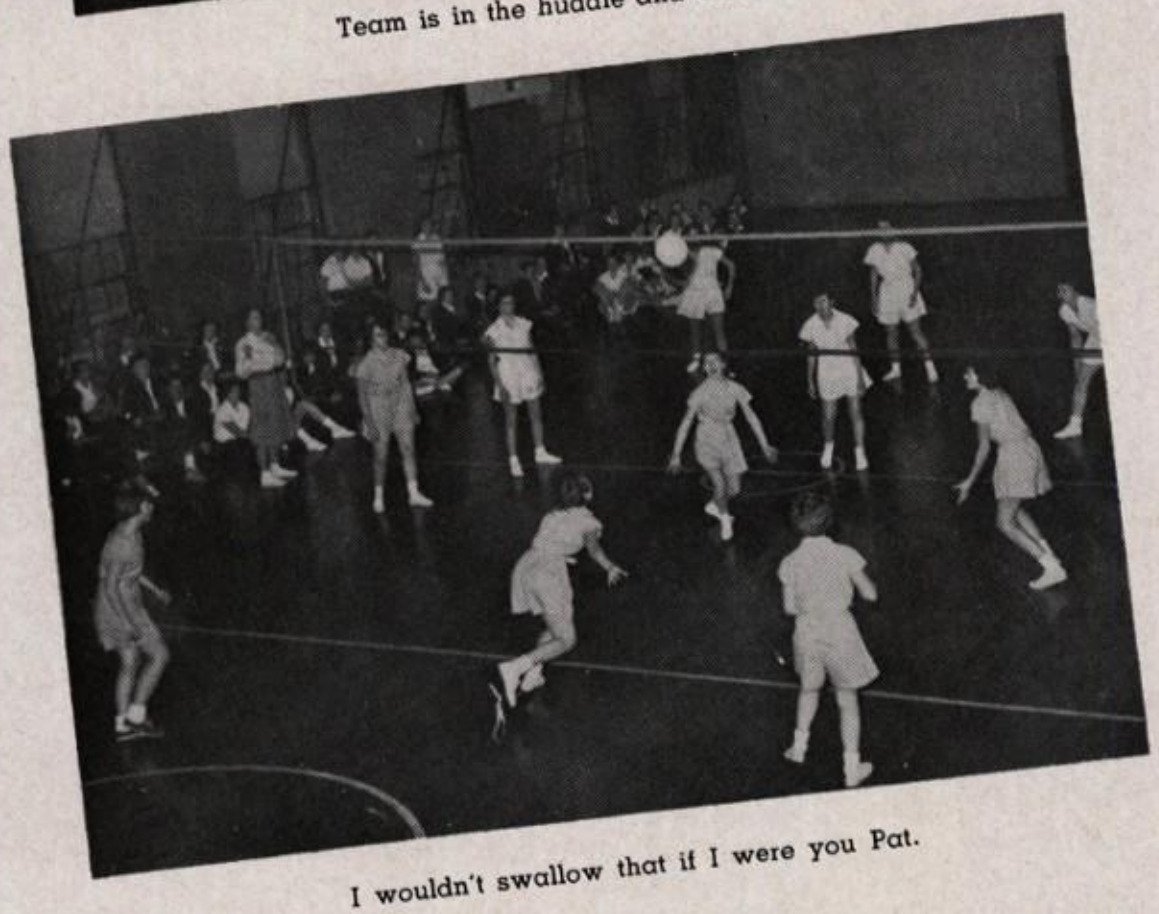


The "big wheel" of Mercy's sport world is her varsity. Here are the "spokes" that make it great: (clockwise), Marion Quattrocki, Pat Kelly, Marge Curtin, Cathy Kelly, Irma Stajkowski, Pat Shepherd, Joanne Kennedy, Arlene Slawinski, Elaine Struebel, Sarah Nolan, Emily Betkis, Laura Quinn, Mary Adele Brown, and Barbara McGarvey.

Captain Pat even enjoys unexpected shower after Mercy victory.

Mercy's Pride

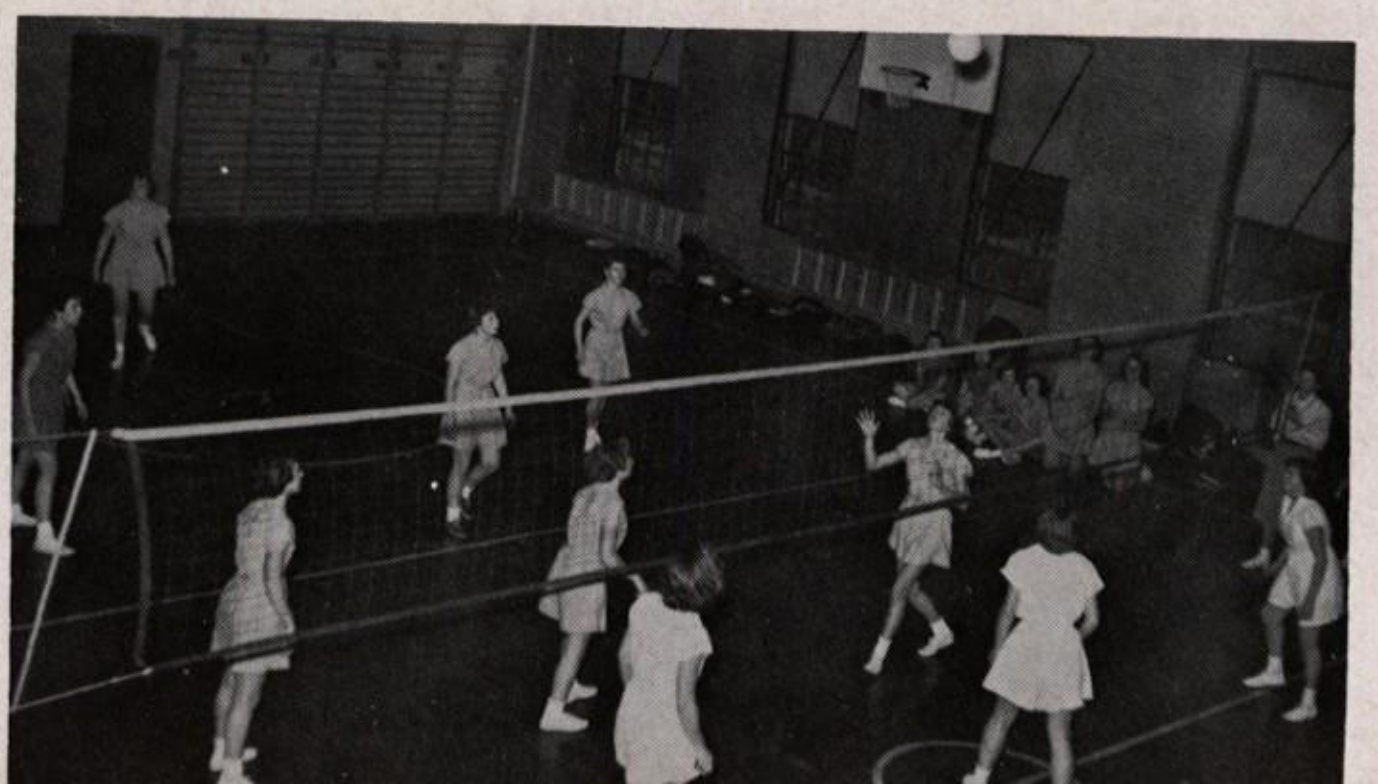
Team is in the huddle and God is at the head.



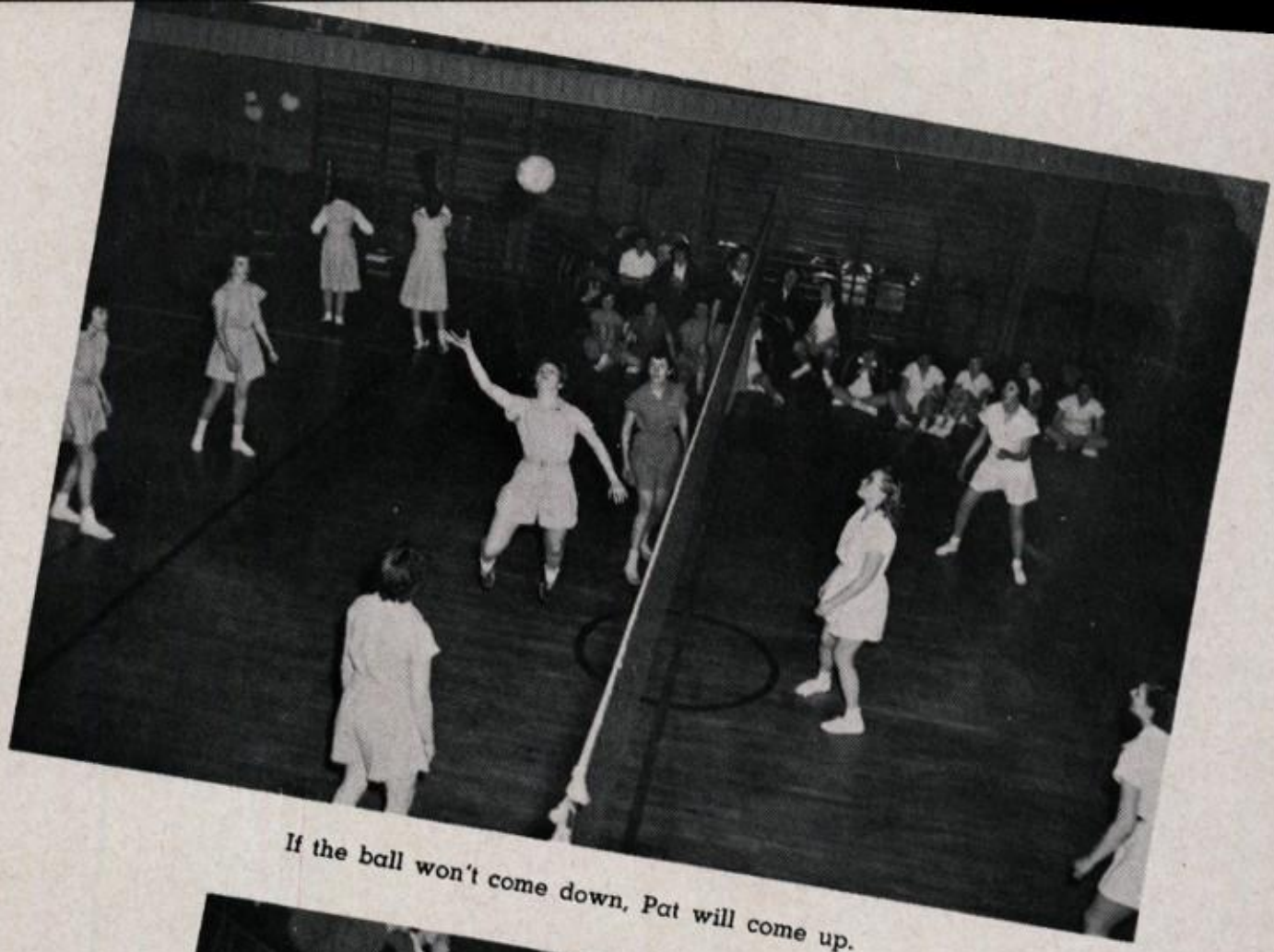
I wouldn't swallow that if I were you Pat.

Another point for Captain Pat.

It's mine! It's mine!



Our Varsity



If the ball won't come down, Pat will come up.

Contortions on the court.

Mercy - Mercy can't be beat ! ! !

Chalk up another one for the Mercy seven.

Student Council

MADELYN O'BRIEN
President

Marge Mitchell picks the lucky winner in the Student Council puppy raffle.

Student Court

Kay woefully accepts the court's verdict from Lna Mae as Madelyn and Joan watch.

Junior Red Cross

LEFT, A chorus of the J. R. C. song by the officers' sextet. FRONT, (L. to R.) Alice Nevins, social chairman; Judy Dennison, president; Marilyn Michels, publicity chairman. BACK ROW, (L. to R.) Sheila Windham, secretary; Mildred McGregor, vice-president; Maureen Curtin, treasurer.

Making it a Merry Christmas for the children of St. Therese Mission is the goal of these officers.

We believe in service for others, for our country, our community, and our school, in health of mind and body to fit us for greater service, and for better human relations throughout the world. We have joined the American Junior Red Cross to help achieve its aims by working together with members everywhere in our own and other lands.

A chest for the needy — another job well done by the Junior Red Cross.

Sewing Club

Sewing club officers (left to right) Joanne Carney, vice-president; Roseann Gutrich, treasurer; Dorothy Migler, social chairman; Janet Kennedy, secretary and Pat McNamara, president.

Math Club

Math Club officers (left to right) Helen Todd, vice-president, Dianne Fogarty, president, and Jeanne Keehan, secretary-treasurer.

Cy-Phy

Cy-Phy officers (left to right) Christine Dawson, treasurer; Marlene Culp, secretary and Eleanor Brennan, president pro tempore.

Library Club

Officers Jeanne Keehan, Mary Lou Legris, Noella Butler, and Sylvia Arrigo engage Father Hayes for a talk on Marian literature.

French Club

L. to R. Carol Lejick, Nancy Schrei, Agnes Yodelis, Jo-Ann McGinty, and Maureen Daly, officers of the French Club.

Camera Club

L. to R. Secretary Lillian Haavig, Vice-President Phyllis Biegel, and President Charlene Wilson, officers of the Camera Club.

Mercy Mother's Auxiliary

MOTHER'S CLUB OFFICERS. STANDING. L. to R. Mrs. J. Garrity, Mrs. T. Keegan, Mrs. A. Leslie, Mrs. O. Miller, Mrs. L. Mortenson. SITTING, L. to R. Mrs. J. Pearcy, Mrs. F. Liebrich, Mrs. A. Rosenbaum, Mrs. E. Durkin, Mrs. V. Walsh.

ABOVE, CHAIRMAN, STANDING, L. to R. Mrs. P. Weinberger, Mrs. D. McGregor, Mrs. J. Schlosser, Mrs. J. Kaveny, Mrs. R. Brown. SITTING: Mrs. E. Garrity, Mrs. J. Schuit, Mrs. P. Coatar, Mrs. C. Derro Derringer.

LEFT, CO-CHAIRMEN, STANDING, L. to R. Mrs. C. Hanley, Mrs. J. Maslow, Mrs. E. Tierney, Mrs. A. Honegger, Mrs. G. Kohl. SITTING: Mrs. W. Barron, Mrs. P. Erickson, Mrs. V. Flanagan.

Maureen sees to it that her mother has a refreshing coke.

A mothers club bingo always means a night of fun.

Mothers count the receipts that show a successful evening.

Mrs. Smith and her famous Madonna display

Mothers Work For Mercy

Mercy Alumnae

LOIS KAZANOVA
President

Alumnae officers left to right Mrs. R. Gumus (Chairman of board), Mrs. L. Caron Cronin (Social chairman), Miss D. Riley (Vice-president), Miss G. McGregor (First vice-president), Miss M. Guerin (Secretary), Mrs. C. Obiola (Treasurer).

Annual homecoming finds '54 President Marge Farnan and '53 President Pat Grojean viewing Mercy's greetings to its alumnae.

Sister Mary Rosaleen finds the way to young friend's heart.

Mercy Federation

L. to R. Mrs. Rubard Doherty, Mrs. Joseph Hennessey, Mrs. Mary McGrealNee (President), Miss Mary G. Lusson (Vice-President), Mrs. Lawrence A. Simonsen, Mrs. Jamès Sheakey, Mrs. William Lemm (Financial secretary).

L. to R. Mrs. L. A. Simonsen (Retiring President), Sister Mary Ricardo, Mrs. Mary McGrealNee (Incoming President).

Highlight of Federation Forum was Eastern Rite Mass presented in Mercy chapel.

MONTSERRAT

Mary, Patron of Joy,

guide our hands in play for God.

Fall Days on Mercy's Campus

A shady corner for a few minutes talk.

Hey Lou! There are no secrets among Seniors.

New books — Old knowledge.

If only they were that interested in school.

The Seniors think school is a snap.

"I used to go to school with Maggie Murphy."

Typing, shorthand - - upperclassmen at last.

The beauty of youth and the beauty of age - Mercians and their campus.

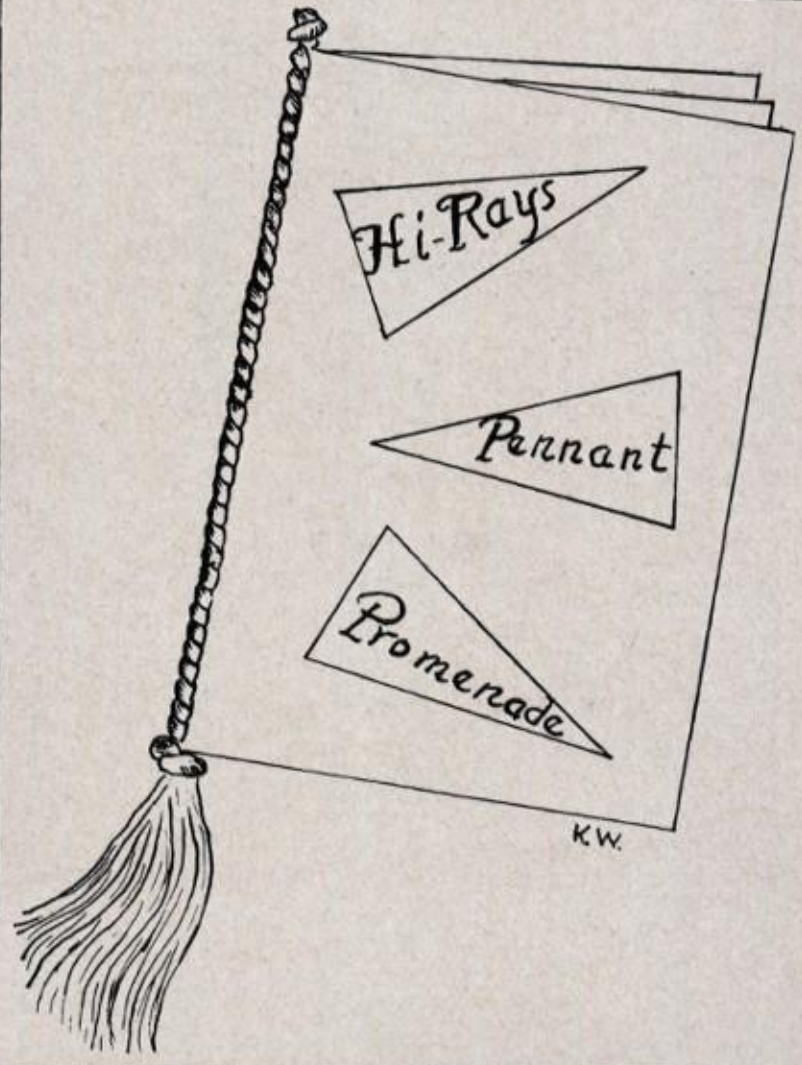
Homecoming Dance

Hi Rays staff and their escorts lead the Grand March at the end of a successful evening.

Chaperones view the merriment from the balcony.

Pat, Kay, and beaus dance the night away.

Hang on, she's coming around!



ABOVE: The roving eye of the camera catches some gleeful seniors.

LEFT: Marge and date concentrate on their dancing.

On-the-spot photo of queen Madeline Rozell and her king.

Underclassmen sit one out.

Glee Club Dance

Noella and Bud have that starry-eyed look that comes "Once in a Blue Moon"

Father Hayes leads the promenade.

There was certainly something to sing about and Joann proved it.

Glee Club Board has "one for the road" (A coke, that is.)

"Pause that refreshes"

The indispensible chaperones prepare to join the fun.

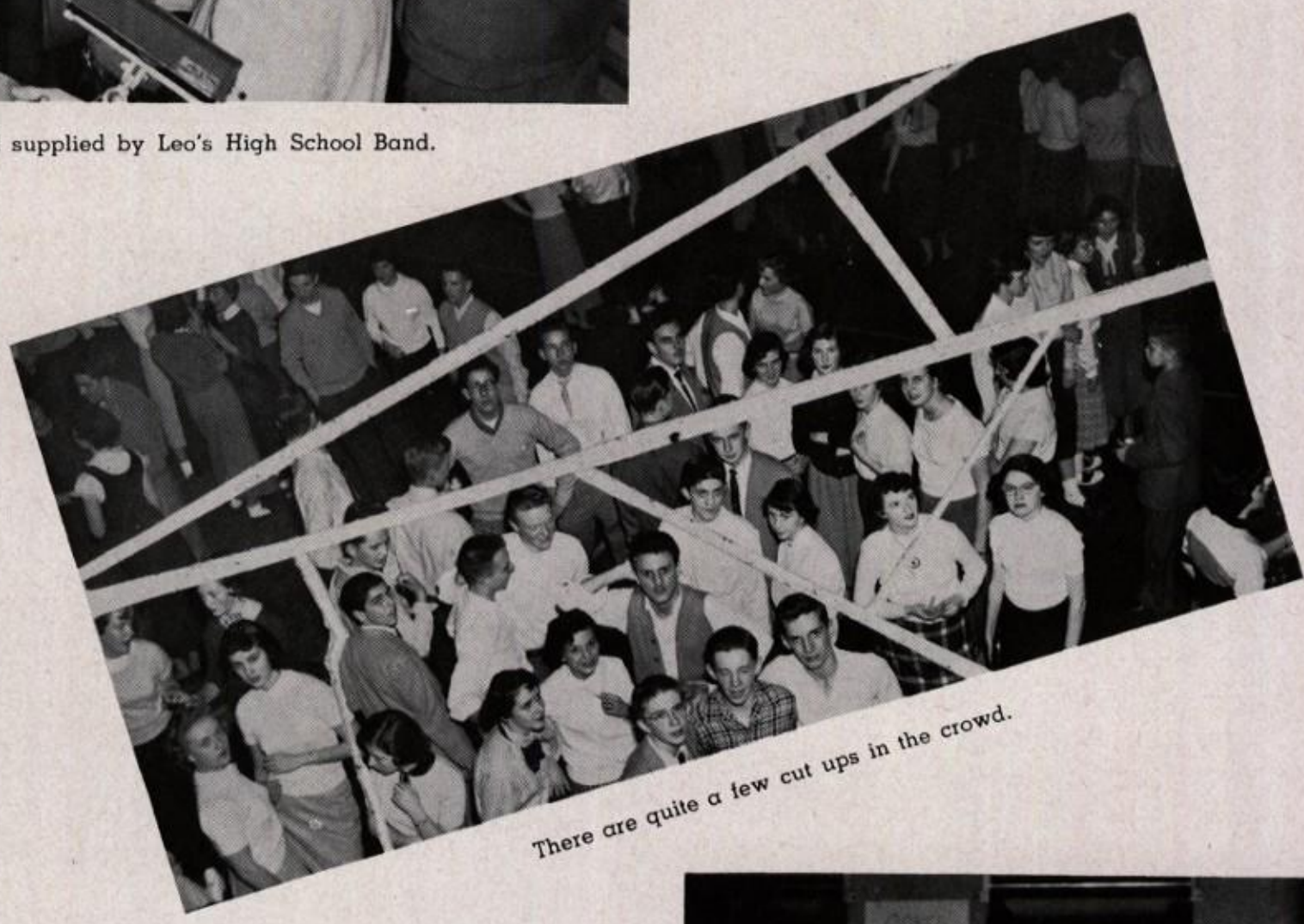
The grand march ends and the Glee Club Dance becomes a page in our memory book.

Hold that pose!

J. R. C.

The craziest music in the land supplied by Leo's High School Band.

Waiting for a bus?

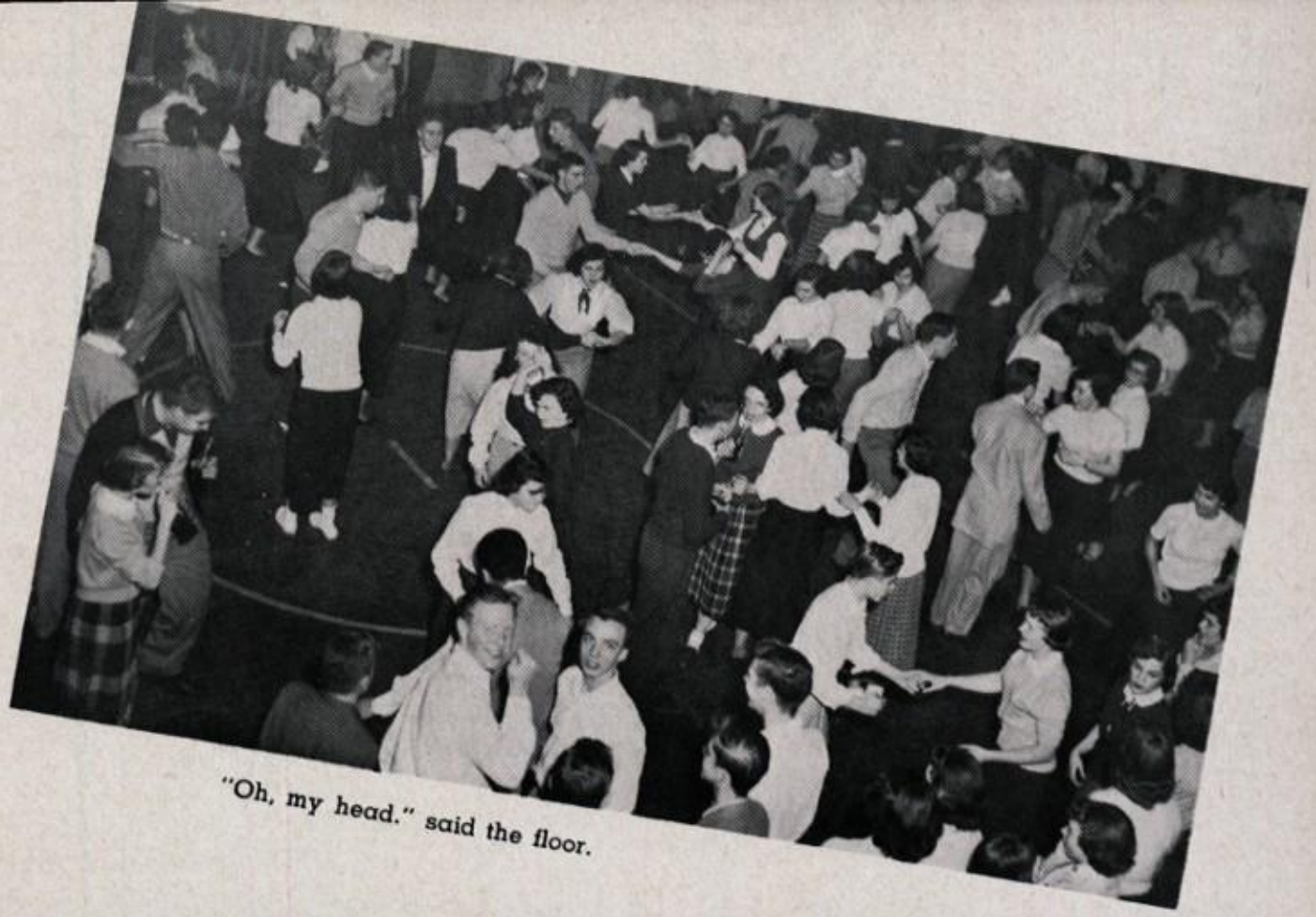


There are quite a few cut ups in the crowd.

A good time is had by all when Mercy and Leo get together.

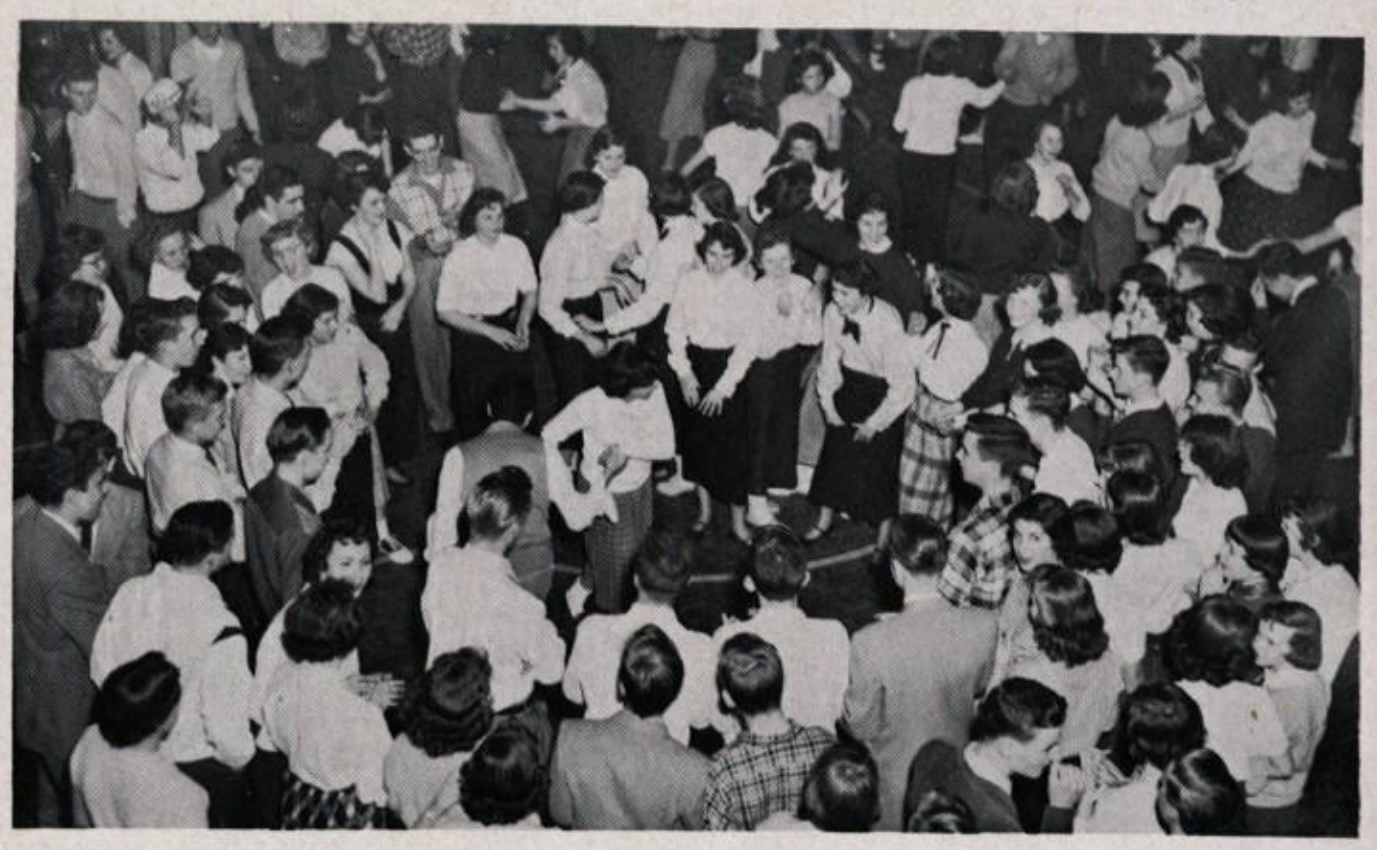
A coke and a smile — and all for a dime.

Social



"Oh, my head." said the floor.

Arthur Murray style.



Mike Reno and Mary Arrigo were the center of attraction.

J. R. C. moderators, Sister Mary Kenneth and Brother Keogh.

Mercy bunnies were all hopping.

It was "so dear to their hearts" but work for their hands.

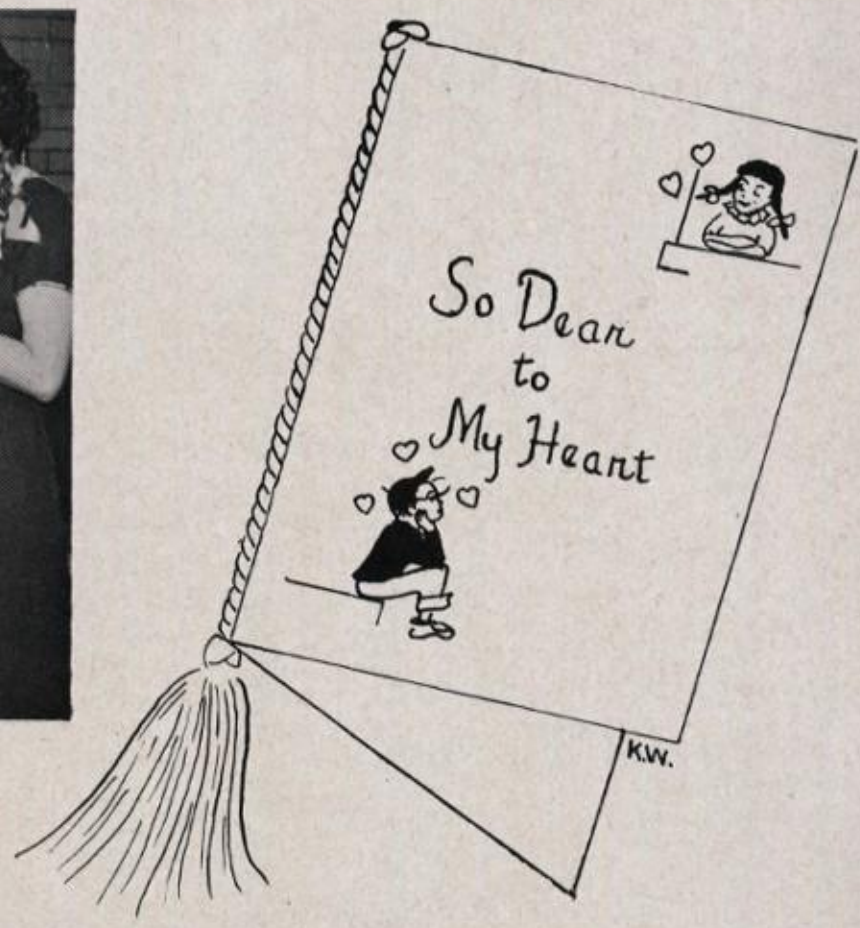
Sport Dance

Swing and sway with the M. A. A.

There is a dance going on too, Jim.

A happy night comes to an end for the chaperones.

Queen of All Hearts smiles down on the queen of Mercy hearts.

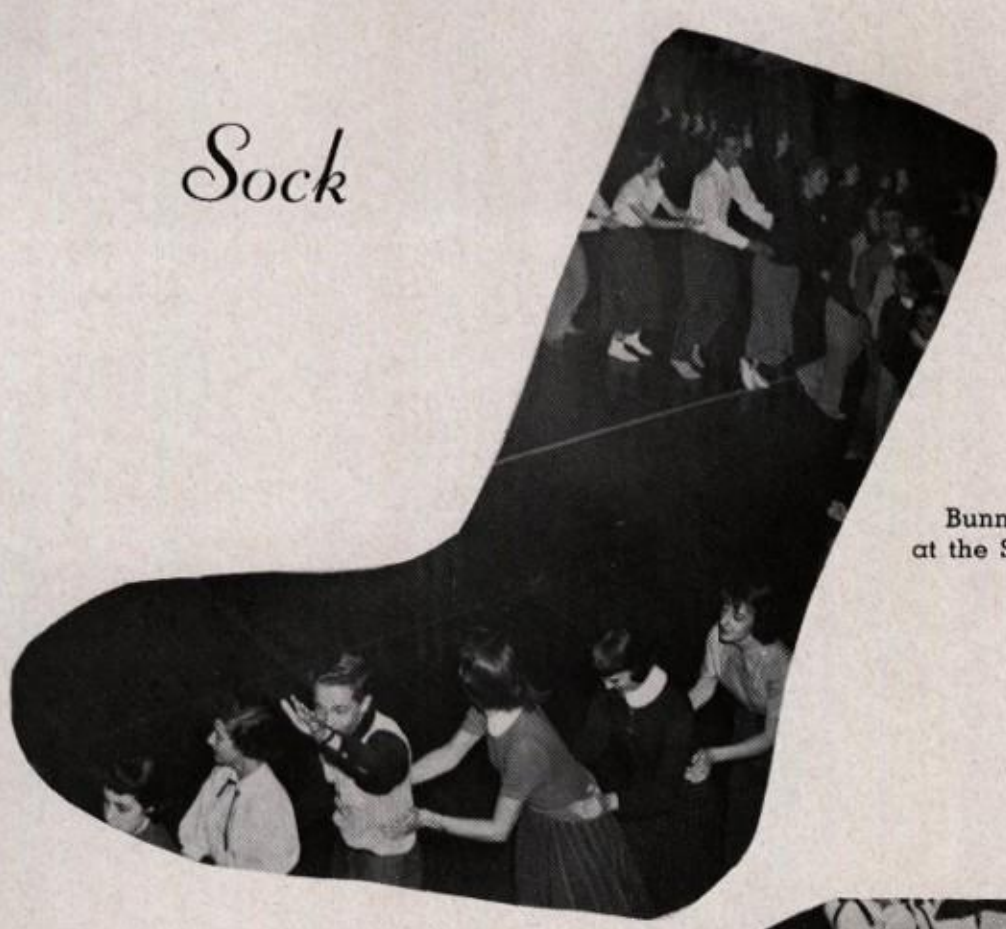


Mercy's grand ball room at the end of a big night.

Time out for a coke and a gab session.

Pat leads a toast to Kay Kennedy, the newly crowned queen.

Sock Hop



Bunny Hop
at the Sock Hop

The "White Sox" were there,
where were the Cubs?

Who's going to "Dance with the Dollie with the Hole in Her Stocking?"

The Alumnae were all smiles before being trounced by the varsity.

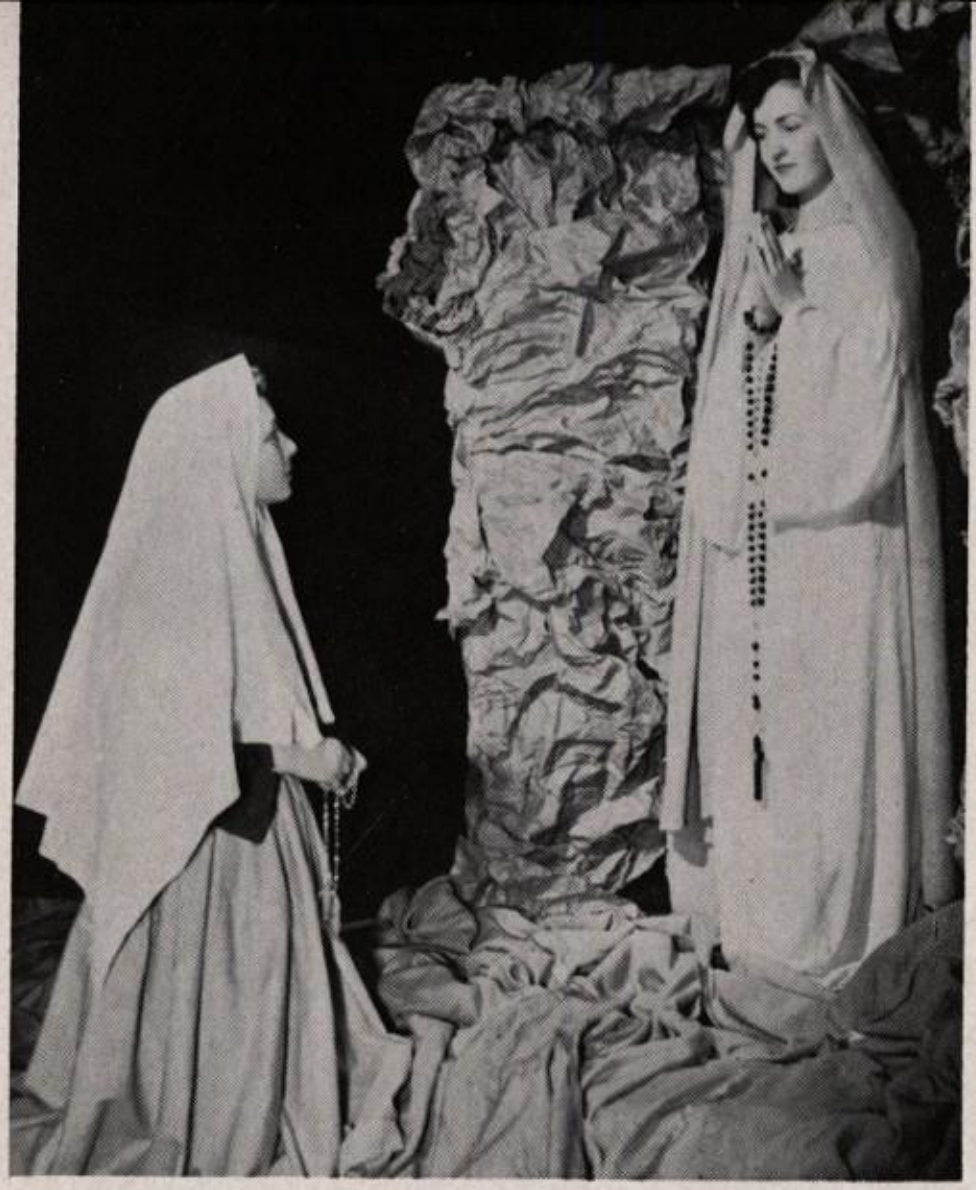
Janet Kennedy and Ann Fairfield directors of "Navy Blue and Bold" give the cast a lesson in acting.

Three One-Act Plays

The stove in the train station proves to be a good hiding place for the important papers in the foreign intrigue story "Woman in the Freight."

A typical housewife soon finds out what pests salesladies are, in "Thursdays at Home".

The Song of Bernadette



Bernadette (Janet Kennedy) at the grotto during one of the fifteen apparitions of Our Lady.

"Don't listen to any of Bernadette's foolish tales," warns her mother.

Aunt Bernarde's inquisitive nature is aroused by the rumors about Bernadette.

The Soubirous thankfully accept food from neighbors.

Crowds of believers and ridiculars gather as Bernadette has an apparition.

"Don't call my sister stupid!"

The Bishop's housekeeper presents Bernadette to him for questioning.

Variety Show

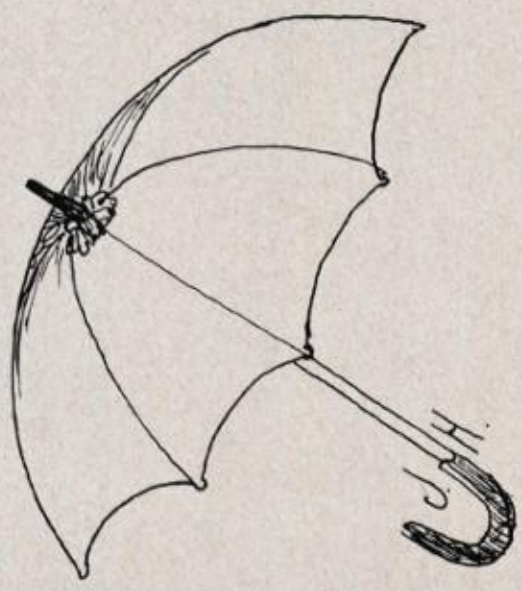
Helen makes Mercy proud of her with her dancing.

Mary Kay Davia, soloist supreme.

A Glee Club Presentation

A real western serenade by seven cowboys.

Nancy paid more attention to the horse than to Betty Lou.



Mary Kay Brady, Mercy's Gadabout.

The last time she saw Paris there weren't so many umbrellas.

Sheila, graceful as the nymph she portrayed.

An umbrella dance by French belles.

Someday her prince will come.

Sheila casts a spell over all.

Peggy tries to charm a shy leprechaun by a bit of Irish blarney.

Snow White Fantasy

"Waltz of the Flowers" by the flowers of Mercy High.

The dwarfs were up in the air over Snow White.

Joanne and Sheila with their "heroes" Lee and Bill.

Even the "flowers" paused to listen.

"One Song" rendered by the Glee Club's favorite duo.

Joanne dreams and wishes for her prince.

"Oh that Jones Boy number".

Christmas at Mercy

Home room nativity scenes, carolers in the halls, the assembly with its impressive tableaux — these are but a part of Christmas at Mercy. More important than these, is the spirit of good will and brotherhood that penetrates every wall of every room, every heart of every girl. It is that day when there are no divisions between classes. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors — all become one family of Mercians, singing together, playing together, giving glory to God together.

A Capella ushers in the Christmas season.

Mercians offer their material Sacrifices to Mary in her year.

Christmas old and Christmas new.

The lobby presents its Christmas miniature for passing students to view.

Assemblies

Women from every walk in life gather with Mother McAuley in the shadow of the Mercy shield.

"Oh Dear!" "Oh Dear!" "Oh Dear!"

Donnalynn displays the warmth and friendship that Mother McAuley felt for all children.

Mammy Magee delivers an important telegram to three anxious old maids.

Open House

Hostess Sue Leslie welcomes her Mom and Dad.

Sister Mary of the Angels opens her "homeroom" to a Mercy mother.

Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Healy, former students of Sister Mary Ambrosia, inspect work of their daughters Flo and Sheila.

Coffee and cake is supplied by the Mothers' Club as Mercy doors close for the night.

Pausing to relax for a moment, parents obtain the students' view of Room 116.

Mercy

Or

Skirts and blouses are favorites among Mercians.

Style setters RIGHT TO LEFT: Phyllis Lanphear, Dorothy Migler, Mary Lou Besowshek, Roseann Gutrich, Patricia McNamara.

 Joanne is ready for a festive occasion.

Autographs

Dear Anita
Best of luck and
happiness in future
years. Always stay as
sweet as you are
Love
Therese Kennedy "56"

Dear anita
Best of luck in
your future years
and always remember the
good times in 213.
Love
Rosemary Caplis

Anita,
Lots of Luck in
your future years
At Mercy.
Love + Luck (again)
Mary Kirby

Dear Anita,
Best of Luck
to the best friend
a girl ever had.
"Anthrax" was your
name in second year
until I get your next
year. I've got the whole
summer to think about
it. Let's be Pals.
Marie Ciamprone
"56"

Dear Anita,
I hope you
will always have
the very best.
Love
Pat Dazzo
"56"

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